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CONGLETON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Report

on the

Health and Sanitary Circumstances
of the District


for the year ended

31st December, 1963

CONGLETON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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To the Chairman and Members
of the Congleton Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1963.

There has been an increase in the estimated population of 280 despite a fall in the number of births and a rise in the number of deaths. The population now exceeds 15,000 and with the considerable amount of development now in progress and proposed, mainly in the private field, a further steady increase in the number of inhabitants in the Rural District may be expected over the next few years. By the end of 1963 there were 1,082 Council owned dwellings and 3,495 private dwellings. The main centres of private development are in Scholar Green, Lawton, Holmes Chapel and Goostrey with building going on to a smaller extent in several of the other parishes.

In order to provide the services that all this development must have, the Council have embarked on extensive sewerage and disposal work, and what has been done and what is proposed has been well brought out in the Engineer's section of this report. The point he makes for the employment of a full time Building Inspector is well supported by the facts. The case too for an additional Health

Inspector is also very strong when one reads in the report the large amount of work done by this department.

There was an epidemic of Measles during the year and although there was no mortality this condition is a serious and distressing disease. The medical profession has been pressing for a number of years now for a safe and effective vaccine. It would now appear that we have this and extensive field trials are proposed in the near future. The plan will be to give infants between 9 months and 2 years two injections. The success of the Poliomyelitis Vaccination campaign has been outstanding. In a relatively short time what was a crippling and frightening disease has been virtually eliminated from our community. To maintain this position routine vaccination of new babies will have to continue and parents must not fail to have their children done either by the family doctors or at the clinics.

During the year there was a considerable development of the Meals on Wheels service in the Rural District. Although this scheme is primarily operated by the W.V.S., financial support is provided by the Council and the County Welfare Department. The areas of Goostrey, Holmes Chapel, Scholar Green, Mow Cop, Church Lawton and Rode Heath are covered and excellent service is being provided. Great credit is due to the members of the W.V.S. and other voluntary workers for the regular and hard work put in. Full details were given in the Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee of which each member of the Council had a copy.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Clerk, Mr. W. H. Cross, and the members of his staff for their help and guidance given most readily at all times. In particular I would like to thank Mr. F. Kirkham, with whom I work most closely, for the assistance he has given me generally and to him and Mr. R. O. Birtwistle for the contribution they have made to this report.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

L. RICH,

Medical Officer of Health

Throughout this report, the figures in brackets are for the year 1962 and are for purposes of comparison

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated Population	15030	(14750)
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Births

Live Births—

			<i>Total</i>		<i>Male</i>		<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	209 (232)	111	(119)	98	(13)
Illegitimate	...		7 (6)	3	(4)	4	(2)

Still Births—

Legitimate	...	...	7 (4)	3	(1)	4	(3)
Illegitimate	...		— (—)	—	(—)	—	(—)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1963	14.6	(16.2)
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Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population	18.2	(18.0)
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Still birth rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	31.3	(16.5)
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Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (live and still) births	17.3	(18.1)
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Still birth rate per 1000 total population46	(.26)
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Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total population31	(.33)
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Infantile Mortality

The total number of deaths is shown as follows :

			<i>Total</i>		<i>Male</i>		<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	2 (3)	1	(2)	1	(1)
Illegitimate	...		— (1)	—	(—)	—	(1)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	9.2	(16.8)
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Infantile mortality rate for England & Wales	20.9	(21.4)
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Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	9.5	(12.9)
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Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	—	(166.6)
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Deaths

Deaths (all ages)	249 (224)	123	(122)	126	(102)
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Death rate per 1000 estimated average population	10.9	(9.7)
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Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of population	12.2	(11.9)
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The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the year.

CAUSE							Total	Male	Female
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other forms of	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	—
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	4	—	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	25	17	8
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	34	15	19
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	22	11	11
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	15	8	7
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	7
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	10	5	5
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	10	6	4
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	88	39	49
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	—
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	—
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
TOTAL							249	123	126

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes :

Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	(0)
Other Maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	(0)
Maternity mortality rate per 1000 live and still births							0	(0)

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The work at the clinics has been steadily maintained and I wish to thank all those hard-working Voluntary Helpers who render such valuable service and are such an essential part of the scheme.

Welfare Centre	New cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics held	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor
	0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5			
Goostrey	22 (51)	— (—)	— (—)	371 (469)	118 (156)	222 (308)	23 (24)	256 (341)	11.1 (14.2)
Holmes Chapel ...	48 (36)	— (—)	— (—)	352 (301)	91 (122)	181 (92)	24 (22)	240 (217)	10.0 (9.8)
Mow Cop	13 (14)	— (—)	— (—)	127 (231)	102 (52)	32 (45)	24 (25)	114 (164)	4.7 (6.5)
Rode Heath ...	17 (25)	— (—)	— (—)	221 (220)	92 (119)	154 (200)	25 (23)	162 (208)	6.4 (9.0)
Scholar Green ...	33 (27)	— (—)	— (—)	382 (354)	109 (140)	87 (146)	23 (23)	209 (239)	9.0 (10.3)

The names of the Health Visitors covering the Rural District are as follows :

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Districts</i>
Dawson, H. M.	Bollin Grove, Prestbury Tel. Knutsford 3273	Goostrey
Barlow, M.	Ingleton, 4 Plant Lane, Elton Tel. Sandbach 155	Church Hulme, Cranage
Richardson, B.	White House, Crewe Road, Alsager Tel. Alsager 395	Church Lawton, Odd Rode, Smallwood
Furness, H. M.	Welfare Centre, Sandbach Road South Alsager. Tel. Alsager 3215	Betchton, Hassall
Williams, N. R.	Ivy Cottage, Mill Lane, Snelson, Chelford. Tel. Chelford 489	Hulme Walfield, Somerford, Somerford Booths, Swettenham, Twemlow
Rae, E. O.	Ashfields Clinic, Platt Av., Sandbach Tel. Sandbach 970	Arclid, Brereton
Street, G.	Ashfields Clinic, Platt Av., Sandbach Tel. Sandbach 970	Bradwall, Elton
Corbishley, M.	The Clinic, Nursery Lane, Congleton Tel. Congleton 2261	Moreton-cum- Alcumlow, Newbold Astbury
Gratrix, A.	85 Wheelock Street, Middlewich Tel. Middlewich 2165	Tetton

Home Nursing

The District Nurses serving our area act in double capacity as Home Nurses and Midwives. They are as follows :

V. SPENCER, Black and White Cottage, Astbury	Congleton 2451
G. MAGEE, Booth Bed Lane, Goostrey	Holmes Chapel 3244
L. B. BLUNSUM, 19 West Way, Holmes Chapel	Holmes Chapel 2226
H. BARRY, 2 Drenfell Road, Scholar Green	Kids Grove 2929
I. HOYLE, 9 Offley Avenue, Sandbach	Sandbach 852
M. WAINWRIGHT, 87 Platt Avenue, Sandbach	Sandbach 256
C. M. HIBBERT (Relief), Blencathra, Plant Lane, Elton	Sandbach 556

We are constantly enlarging the items of nursing equipment available for assisting patients in their own homes.

Air Rings	Crutches	Mackintosh Sheets
Back Rests	Enuresis Blankets	Page Turner
Bed Pans	Toilet Aid	Tripod Walking Stick
Bed Cradles	Fireguards	Urinals
Air Bed	Feeding Cups	Wheel Chairs
Commodes	Bed	Walking Aids
Carrying Chair	Lifts	Walking Stick

We are also finding that the Disposable Sheets are invaluable for dealing with cases of incontinence. It is also possible in suitable cases to provide a "Foul Washing" service.

Births 1962

Hospital		Home		Private Nursing Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
152	9	47	—	—	—
(158)	(2)	(70)	(1)	(—)	(—)

It is satisfactory to note that once again there has been no Maternal death.

Chiropody

The use of this service has grown enormously and the demand was so great that it has been found necessary to reduce the number of treatments after the first six monthly treatments to one treatment every two months. However, in exceptional cases where it is necessary to give the treatment more frequently, it is possible to do this under the scheme.

The scales for chiropody are as follows :

Free Treatments - Those in receipt of National Assistance Benefit or whose income does not exceed £4/13/6 per week in the case of single persons, or £6/19/6 per week in the case of married couples.

Half cost paid by Cheshire County Council - When income between £4/13/7 and £6/3/6 per week in the case of single persons. When income between £6/13/7 and £8/19/6 per week in the case of married couples.

This scale may be varied from time to time.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Statistics

Diphtheria Immunisation

Pre-school children	1	(1)
School children	—	(11)
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	1	(12)

Reinforcing injections	1	(22)
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Tetanus Immunisation

Pre-school children	—	
School children	1	
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	1	

Reinforcing injections	1	
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Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	—	(—)
School children	—	(—)
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	—	(—)

Reinforcing injections	—	(4)
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Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus)

Pre-school children	78	(161)
School children	4	(12)
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	82	(173)

Reinforcing injections	34	(33)
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Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough)

Pre-school children	—	(2)
School children	1	(1)

1 (3)

Reinforcing injections	1	(1)
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Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Tetanus)

Pre-school children	—	(1)
School children	—	(20)

— (21)

Reinforcing injections	8	(101)
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Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	16	(168)
School children	1	(174)
Adults	10	(272)

27 (614)

Re-Vaccination	7	(778)
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Poliomyelitis Vaccination

It is not possible to separate the figures in respect of each County District and the table below shows the figures for the whole of South East Cheshire.

	SALK VACCINE				ORAL VACCINE			Reinf. dose aft. salk vaccine
	1st injec.	2nd injec.	3rd injec.	4th injec.	1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose	
Children born in 1963	1	1			121	121	135	
Children born in 1962	18	15			575	577	920	
Children born in 1961	21	15			163	164	220	
Children and Young Persons born 1943-60	57	43			332	404	882	
Persons born 1933-42	31	22			141	139	244	
Others	42	26			332	346	527	
TOTAL	170	122	123	5	1664	1751	2928	216

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going to Manchester.

Domestic Help Service

Statistics

Home Helps employed during 1963

Full time	...	...	...	...	...	—	(—)
Temporary	...	...	...	...	...	33	(35)
Casual	...	...	...	...	...	12	(5)
						<hr/> 45	<hr/> (40)

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1963

Full time	...	...	...	...	...	—	(—)
Temporary	...	...	...	...	...	28	(28)
Casual	...	...	...	...	...	—	(2)
						<hr/> 28	<hr/> (30)

Applications received during 1963

Confinement	...	...	...	...	...	2	(4)
Sickness	...	...	...	...	...	5	(3)
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	(—)
Aged and Infirm	...	...	...	...	...	9	(5)
						<hr/> 16	<hr/> (12)

Cases attended during 1963

Confinement	...	...	...	...	...	1	(4)
Sickness	...	...	...	...	...	11	(10)
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	(—)
Aged and Infirm	...	...	...	...	...	32	(29)
						<hr/> 44	<hr/> (43)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

I am indebted to Mr. Delwyn G. Davies, Engineer and Manager of the Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board for the following information.

This district is supplied partly from the Mow Cop borehole, partly from the Delamere boreholes via the Allostock Booster (now a standby supply), partly by a small bulk supply purchased from the Macclesfield and District Water Board, but mainly by River Dee water from the Hurleston Treatment Works supplied through a 12" main between Tetton and Holmes Chapel. A small amount of Hurleston water is also taken into the southern part of the district through Alsager where it may be mixed with a proportion of borehole water from Bearstone.

The scheme for the construction of a 3 m.g. service reservoir at Smallwood is now well advanced, and a Tender has been accepted for a Mass and Reinforced Concrete Reservoir subject again to Ministry approval.

I am indebted to the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. R. O. Birtwistle, for the reports on Sewerage and Housing.

Sewerage

Parish of Church Hulme

The tenders invited in December 1962 for the laying of sewers in the Parish and the construction of sludge drying beds at the Holmes Chapel treatment works were considered and contracts were duly awarded to two contractors, one for each section. The total value of the Contracts was £42,602.

Work of laying the sewers commenced on 22nd July the Contract period being for twelve months.

The Contract for the sludge drying beds commenced on 12th August and the period allowed in this case for completion was six months.

In connection with the proposals to receive trade wastes from the three industrial premises in the Parish further discussions took place, but it was towards December before the consultants had final figures on which to base their calculations for the treatment works.

Parish of Church Lawton

Work on the Red Bull Scheme for the laying of sewers and the construction of the pumping station continued during the year. By December the scheme was 80% complete. From the start the contractor has been faced with extremely difficult working conditions. The comparatively narrow roads containing many other services are so heavily trafficked that light control has been necessary along almost the whole length of sewer laid.

Parish of Odd Rode

Treatment Works. The Venturi flume recorder installed at the treatment works has revealed that they are very much overloaded, even during dry weather. The design capacity was for 68,570 gallons per day and the dry weather flow averages 150,000 gallons per day. It is obvious that extensions to the works will have to be considered very soon.

In last year's report mention was made of the nightsoil disposal problem. When tipped at the inlet to the works the disturbance is such that the effluent is affected. It is good to note that this is a diminishing service as conversions are completed, but although perhaps this is the method of disposal which causes least nuisance to the public, it must be said that the treatment process is disturbed for about two days after tipping and the attendants find it rather unpleasant, since much of the solid matter collects on the screens and has to be removed by hand raking to tip on the site.

The engines driving the sludge pump at the treatment works had given some trouble and were replaced by an electric motor drive, an electricity supply having become available within a reasonable distance of the site.

Drainage of Rode Heath. At the request of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Council's proposals for the sewerage of Rode Heath were reconsidered. New proposals were prepared so that the area at Thurlwood Farm could be served and also a pumping scheme was devised for the drainage of Low Street. In addition, the works design was amended by deleting the storm water tanks. The effect of this is to discharge six times the dry weather flow through the works rather than three times through the works and three times to the storm water tanks. The Cheshire River Board asked for this amendment at the investigation into the scheme and the Ministry supported the idea.

Having regard for this, it would seem desirable in all future schemes, to adopt this as a principle on which to base the works design.

Existing Arrangements - Thurlwood. At Thurlwood, the group of houses adjacent to Rode Heath, drain to an old settlement tank having an overflow to the canal. The tank needs periodic emptying by the Cesspool Emptier, but access to it was only possible in dry weather or when the ground was frozen hard. This infrequent attention prevented full use being made of these drainage arrangements and so the Council agreed to construct an access road, so as to permit of regular emptying. By this means the Council have been enabled to permit of additional pail conversions.

Parish of Newbold Astbury

A preliminary report was submitted on proposals for the drainage of the village of Astbury. Attention was drawn to earlier happenings when it was proposed to drain the village to the Borough of Congleton Sewers. These sewers have now been laid and the Council decided to enquire as to whether the Borough was prepared to receive and treat sewage from the village.

Parish of Smallwood

The existing drainage arrangements in parts of the parish were reviewed, but the problem is rather difficult to solve economically. Smallwood is a parish consisting of small groups of development, the drainage from which is generally to tanks, the effluent then being discharged to open watercourses. The old tanks are frequently found to be inadequate and so the effluents are poor and pollution results.

Some improvement will no doubt have to be effected and the recommendations of the River Board made under the Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act 1961 are awaited with interest.

The Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act 1961

A comprehensive list of sewage discharges from Council properties was prepared and submitted to the Cheshire River Board as required by this Act.

This revealed that the number of consents given was 3 and the number of consents required 47. The Council having a total of 50 discharge outlets to watercourses, streams or rivers, 34 are from Council house sites.

By the year end the River Board had not made known its requirements as to what improvements should be made in the various installations.

Report on Sewerage Arrangements for the District

In April, a report was presented to the Council setting out Parish by Parish details of the existing drainage arrangements and suggesting in tabular form a programme of works which need to be undertaken during the next 5 to 10 years. Some indication of desirable priority was given as indicated in the following notes.

First Priority Works

Betchton (Hassall Green) - Provision of new treatment works.

Betchton (Malkins Bank) - Improvement of existing treatment works.

Church Lawton (Lawton Estate) - Replacement of existing small septic tank installation by a pumping station.

Newbold Astbury - Provision of sewers and treatment works for the village.

Somerford (Black Firs Area) - Provision of sewers.

Swettenham (village) - Provision of sewers and treatment works.

Second Priority Works

Brereton (The Heath) - Provision of sewers and treatment works.

Odd Rode (Main Works) - Enlargement of existing treatment works and some sewers.

Twemlow (The Green) - Enlargement or replacement of existing treatment works.

Third Priority Works

Cranage (Northwich Road) - Provision of sewerage.

Elton (Plant Lane and Watch Lane) - Improvement of the drainage arrangements.

Tetton (Oakwood Lane and Plant Lane) - Improvement of the drainage arrangements.

In addition, note was made of improvements which it was considered were required at various Council House Sites where small septic tank installations had been provided.

HOUSING

Almost all the land owned by this Council and bought for housing has now been built upon. Sites still in hand are those at Sandy Lane, Goostrey, Rode Heath and Mount Pleasant.

The demand for houses to let has generally been met, except perhaps for a small number of bungalows for the elderly. To the end of the year the Council had built 891 dwellings since 1st April, 1945.

Work commenced during the year on seventeen bungalows sited on part of the Mount Pleasant site. Five were completed and let

before December. No doubt the Council's future programme will result in the early completion of this Scheme.

It is the Council's present intention to dispose of the Sandy Lane site for private development, but there is the problem to solve as to the making up of the Lane itself which is not wholly fronted by Council property.

At Rode Heath, the Council were asked not to build for a period of five years because of the possibility of brine subsidence affecting the site. It was made known that the Brine Subsidence Compensation Board considered that about a half of the site might be affected and they recommended that precautions should be taken with any property erected on that part of the land.

Negotiations were commenced for the purchase of a plot of land forming part of the private development site at Lawton Gate where it is considered that there is a need for bungalows for elderly persons.

Further land was bought in Holmes Chapel adjoining the site developed for sale in individual plots and known as Brookfield Drive. The various services are to be provided and as with the original site the land will be sold so that purchasers can build their own design of house or bungalow, employing their own Architect and Builder.

Garages

Additional garages have been built and the total now owned is 144, dispersed throughout the district according to this list.

Betchton (Hassall Green)	...	...	...	10
Church Hulme (West Way)	...	...	...	19
(Northway)	...	...	...	21
(Hermitage Drive)	...			12
Church Lawton (Lawton Gate)	...	...		6
Cranage (Knutsford Road)	...	...	...	4
Goostrey (Booth Bed Lane)	...	...	...	16
Odd Rode (Drenfell Road)	...	...	...	25
(Wavertree Avenue)	...	...		8
(Mead Avenue)	...	...	...	12
(Mill Mead)	...	...	...	2
(Rode Heath)	...	...	...	9

A change of policy resulted in prefabricated garages being erected at Goostrey, Holmes Chapel, Kent Green and Rode Heath.

Purchase of House, Holmes Chapel

The house, No. 69 Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel came on the market and was bought by the Council. It had been converted into two flats by the previous owner but the Council decided that it should revert to one house.

Maintenance of Housing Estates

The repair staff remained much as it was in 1962, a complement of 12 men including six painters. The Annual Inspection of the Council's houses and estates took place during the early summer. Noticeable improvements have been observed over the years. There are now only a comparatively few problem cases and gardens are better tended on the whole. There is no doubt that the frequent cutting of the verges and open spaces has had an effect on many tenants but there are still those who fail in their responsibility regarding the cultivation of gardens.

Painting of Council Houses

The first three months of the year were outstanding for the duration of the snow fall. This prevented painting proceeding for a longer period than usual and in order to bring the programme up to date, a Contract was let for the painting of 82 houses. The Council's staff continued with their part of the programme.

Wash Boilers

The scheme for the replacement of coal fired boilers by electric wash boilers was continued and there are now only 43 of the former in existence.

Private Development

Despite the adverse weather conditions in the first quarter of the year the total submission of building plans exceeded that of 1962 by 64, the total being 490 as detailed in the following table, an average of 41 per month.

Private Development Plans deposited for approval

			<i>Byelaws only</i>	<i>Byelaws & Planning</i>	<i>Planning only</i>	<i>Outline Planning</i>	<i>Total</i>
January	...	...	7	18	12	4	41
February	...	...	6	9	5	4	24
March	...	...	7	21	11	8	47
April	...	...	11	7	13	8	39
May	...	...	9	23	5	3	40
June	...	...	6	12	11	10	39
July	...	...	17	10	8	8	43
August	...	...	11	20	5	7	43
September	...	...	11	32	2	8	53
October	...	...	11	23	9	8	51
November	...	...	6	11	8	11	36
December	...	...	11	14	4	5	34
TOTALS			113	200	93	84	490

Since 1st April, 1945, 464 private dwellings have been built and 114 were under construction at 31st December. While many of these were built on individual sites, there is now a trend towards speculative building on large sites. These have been established at Hall Green (45 dwellings), Lawton Grange (116 dwellings), Booth Bed Lane, Goostrey (88 dwellings), Manor House, Goostrey (16 dwellings) and Sandiford, Holmes Chapel (230 dwellings).

The employment of a full time Building Inspector can now be justified with private building at its present rate.

Naming of Streets

At the request of the Parish Council, the roads in the Parish of Cranage were named by the erection of suitable plates. The name of one road was changed from Mill Lane to Byley Lane.

Car Parks

The Council having already formed one car park on land in Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel deemed it advisable to establish a second in the village on land owned partly by them and by the County Council in Macclesfield Road. Both have been extensively used.

In the village of Mount Pleasant in the Parish of Odd Rode, the Council demolished a shop and cottage in Chapel Road. This land has since served a useful purpose as a car park.

Bus Shelters

The interest of Parish Councils in erecting bus shelters has not yet been greatly aroused. It is thought that they are reluctant to expend money on timber shelters, a requirement imposed by the Rural Council as a condition for the payment of the fifty per cent grant.

Litter Baskets

The Council's scheme for placing litter baskets where required in their district was extended by the provision of these facilities in the village of Swettenham where weekend visitors have in the past caused considerable nuisance by the litter left behind.

**PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

Tuberculosis

One case was notified and the number of people on register at 31st December, 1963 is shown below :

		Up to										Total	
		1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & over			
Male	Pulmonary	...	...	—	—	2	—	3	2	5	3	2	17
Female	Pulmonary	...	...	—	—	1	3	3	4	7	—	—	18
Male	Non-Pulmonary	...	—	—	1	3	4	1	—	1	1		11
Female	Non-Pulmonary	...	—	—	1	5	2	3	1	3	—		15

For comparative purposes, I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1963 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1954.

Notifications — 1954 to 1963

	1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE																				
Up to 1 year																				
1- 5	1	1		1																
5-15		1		1		1														
15-25							1													
25-35	1						1								1					
35-45																				
45-55					1		2													
55-65					1		1						1							
65 and over																				
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 year																				
1- 5	1																			
5-15							1								1					
15-25			2		2								1					1		
25-35			1	1																
35-45							1								1					
45-55											1				1					
55-65			1																	
65 and over																			1	
TOTAL	3	2	4	3	4	1	6	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	0

Deaths — 1954 to 1963

	1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE																				
Up to 1 year																				
1- 5	1																			
5-15																				
15-25																				
25-35																				
35-45																				
45-55	1						1				2		1							
55-65					1															
65 and over						1														
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 year																				
1- 5																				
5-15																				
15-25																				
25-35			1																	
35-45			1																	
45-55																				
55-65																				
65 and over											1									
TOTAL	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1963

DISEASE	AGE DISTRIBUTION													Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 & over			
Dysentery	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	5	—	
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
Measles	1	14	18	16	16	103	12	3	—	—	—	—	183	—	
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	5	—	
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	1	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	6	—	

The following sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department and have been compiled by Mr. P. Kirkham, the Public Health Inspector.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

No increase in the establishment of five driver/loaders and nine loaders has been found necessary. Five employees left during the year but were mostly men with the shortest length of service. It is hoped that the proposed long service increment may encourage staff to remain. The Council's bonus scheme continues to operate successfully and the following table indicates the changes occurring in numbers collected over the period of one year.

(1) Driver and two loaders

District	2 Loaders Target	Units Collected 1/1/63	Bonus 1/1/63	Units Collected 31/12/63	Bonus 31/12/63
1	998	1055	57	1071	73
2	1042	1153	111	1185	143
3	950	988	38	1007	57
4	998	1074	76	1111	113
TOTALS	3988	4270	282	4374	386

(2) Driver and one loader

District	1 Loader Target	Units Collected 1/1/63	Bonus 1/1/63	Units Collected 31/12/63	Bonus 31/12/63
1	650	1055	405	1071	421
2	689	1153	464	1185	496
3	625	988	363	1007	382
4	650	1074	424	1111	461
TOTALS	2614	4270	1656	4374	1760

A weekly collection is maintained at Bank Holidays by payment of overtime to cover the day's loss of work, less weekly cleaning down time for vehicles which is dis-continued at such holidays. Of five complaints of non-collection received during the year, three were owing to access not having been available and two because material

other than house refuse had been placed in the bin, e.g. plaster from "do-it-yourself" home repairs.

The Council have agreed to collect bulky items on request, payment depending on the necessity for a special collection or overtime. The deposit of such refuse on unauthorised sites appears to be on the increase.

Difficulty occurs during summer months with collection from hotels and restaurants. Although a regular weekly collection is always maintained, insufficient cleansing of the receptacles results in their becoming foul, offensive and often fly-maggot infested.

The Council now issues gloves - reinforced chrome leather - to employees in addition to overalls and waterproofs.

Nightsoil and Septic Tank Service

Owing to a slow but steady reduction in the number of pails in the area, it was found possible to complete the weekly collection of these within two days. The total number of pails and vaults at the end of 1963 was 320. The neighbouring urban authority - Sandbach Urban District Council - approached the Council regarding the emptying of seventeen closets still remaining in their area and this work is now done weekly on overtime on a rechargeable basis.

The Council agreed with effect from the 1st April, 1963, that the charge for the de-sludging of septic tanks to domestic properties be 10/- irrespective of the number of loads removed and the number of houses on the tank. This charge is limited to two services in any period of twelve months and thereafter on a cost basis. The following table gives details of work done by the Council's cesspool emptier on tank de-sludging. Figures for 1962 are shown in parenthesis. In comparing figures for 1962, it is necessary to appreciate that the capacity of the vehicle was increased from 650 to 1000 gallons in April, 1963.

<i>Type of Tank</i>	<i>No. of Loads</i>	<i>No. of Hours</i>	<i>No. of Visits</i>	<i>No. of diff. tanks</i>
Domestic	238 (223)	289½(249)	208 (158)	147 (129)
Non-Domestic	504 (703)	390 (482)	123 (133)	62 (57)
Council Houses	121 (124)	157½(152)	79 (68)	37 (37)
Council Sewage Works	64 (49)	51 (50)	33 (19)	10 (5)
Outside Area	16 (15)	22¼ (17)	15 (9)	14 (8)
TOTALS	943 (1114)	910¼(950)	458 (387)	270 (236)

Vehicles and Maintenance

Only one driver was involved in an accident during the year for which he could be said to be blameworthy. The Council presented Safe Driving Awards of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents at a supper given for all outdoor staff.

All routine repairs to the vehicles including the Surveyor's transport is done by the foreman/driver who is also a mechanic. Very little work is done by outside garages.

The cesspool emptier - a 650 gallon petrol vehicle - was replaced by a 1000 gallon diesel vehicle and an overhead 500 gallon diesel tank installed.

A second-hand wooden building - approximately 50 feet x 15 feet - was obtained cheaply and erected on a three foot block wall. This has provided excellent storage for the tractor which is equipped with a blade and bucket, and for a trailer which was also obtained second-hand.

The following details are given of mileage and fuel during the year. The total figures for 1962 are given in parenthesis. The diesel cesspool emptier is found to be using less than half the quantity of fuel used by the previous petrol vehicle.

Number	Make	Duty	Mileage	Galls	
				Fuel	m.p.g.
PMB 601	Karrier Gamecock (spare vehicle)	Refuse Collector	1933	374*	5.1
PMB 602	Karrier Gamecock	Refuse Collector	6825	1300*	5.2
PMB 603	Karrier Gamecock	Refuse Collector	6200	1092*	5.6
WMA363	Karrier Gamecock	Refuse Collector	7665	1329*	5.7
743 NFM	Karrier Gamecock	Refuse Collector	6111	1140*	5.3
PMB 604	Karrier Cesspool Emptier	Septic tanks and Nightsoil	2457‡	562*	4.3
367 LG	Bedford/Eagle Cesspool Emptier	Septic tanks and Nightsoil	8070§	780†	10.3
			39261 (38686)	6577 (7356)	5.9 (5.2)
894 STU	Fordson Tractor	Refuse Tips, Sewage Works, etc.	103 gallons Diesel Oil used during 1963		
* Petrol		† Diesel Oil	‡ 3 months	§ 9 months	

Refuse Disposal

Refuse continues to be disposed of for the most part by controlled tipping and conditions regarding rodent and insect infestation have been satisfactory. Preparations have been made to start a new tip in 1964, adjacent to the Council's Sewage Works at Lawton Heath End. The Council's tip at Rode Heath, which is situated near to houses, is nearing completion and will in future be used for a limited degree of winter tipping only.

Salvage

The new shed is being used for baling and storage of salvage and has proved a great convenience. The market continues to fluctuate and the following details are given of salvage disposed of during the year. Figures for 1962 are shown in parenthesis.

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Weights</i>						<i>Revenue</i>					
	<i>t</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>q</i>	£	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>	£	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
Container Waste ...	10	19	1	(7	11	3)	£95	8	3	(£67	3	1)
Mixed Baled Paper...	15	7	3	(9	5	1)	£95	7	5	(£58	8	7)
Baled Newspapers and Magazines	11	3	3	(14	15	0)	£61	10	7	(£86	8	6)
	37	10	3	(31	12	0)	£252	6	3	(£212	0	2)

<i>Expenditure</i>				£	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>	£	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
Materials	...	...	...	£19	5	0	(£11	9	6)
Labour	...	...	...	£208	7	1	(£204	5	4)

FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

One hundred and seventy-three routine visits have been made to food premises. The following matters have been the subject of letters regarding unsatisfactory conditions at fourteen premises :

Reg. 6(1)	Provision of impervious equipment and cleansing of same	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Reg. 8	Prevention of risk of contamination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Reg. 14	Cleanliness of sanitary convenience and room and affixing of hand washing notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Reg. 16	Provision of wash-hand basins, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Reg. 17	Maintenance of first aid materials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Reg. 18	Provision of accommodation for clothing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Reg. 19	Provision of hot water at a sink	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Reg. 23	Cleanliness and repair of food rooms, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

Proceedings were taken against the owner and manager of a licensed restaurant. Evidence was given of contraventions of the following Regulations : 5 ; 6(1) ; 8 ; 19(1) (c) two ; 23(1) five. Defendants were found guilty and fines totalling £270 were imposed.

The following types of food premises are located in this area :

Grocers and General	41
Public Houses and Licensed Clubs ...	36
Cafes and Restaurants	21
School Canteens	20
Village Halls, etc.	9
Butchers	9
Factory Canteens	7
Sweets and Confectionery	6
Bakehouses	3
Fish and Chips	2
Chemists	2
Canning Factory	1
Dairy	2
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Total	157
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Note—Where a Cafe or Restaurant is attached to a public house or grocers, etc. it is shown under both heads)

Forty-two premises are registered under Section 16(1) (a) of the Food and Drugs, Act, 1955. There are nine other premises registered under Section 16(1) (b) - two fish and chips and seven sausage and meat pies. One food canning factory is in the area.

Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspection

Only one slaughterhouse remains and kills for use only at the small shop attached. The following are details of the work carried out :

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	55	—	—	110	27	—
Number inspected	55	—	—	110	27	—
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</i>						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	—	—	3	1	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	10.9	—	—	2.7	3.7	—
<i>Tuberculosis only:</i>						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Cysticercosis:</i>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Following the implementation of the Regulations, with effect from 1st October, 1963, 100% meat inspection has been carried out necessitating sixty visits to the slaughterhouse. The Council have resolved that maximum charges should be imposed.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Three licences were issued to people residing in the area.

FACTORIES and WORKPLACES

Factories Act, 1961

The following table gives information as to the number of factories and inspections made :

	No. on register	No. of inspections	No. of written notices
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	50	11	2
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	6	1
TOTAL	55	17	3

Cases in which defects were found

	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)			
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	1

Outworkers

Wearing Apparel (making, etc.) 2

Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

The survey under this Act has continued and a further ninety-nine farms visited for that purpose. Fourteen premises have been required to provide or improve existing sanitary accommodation. Approximately three hundred of five hundred farms have now been inspected.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

Summary of Visits

Animals, keeping of	14
Conversions	12
Clean Air Act, 1956	5
Closet Pails	9
Drainage - including septic tanks, etc.	123
Dustbins	5
Factory - with Mechanical Power	11
Food Premises - General	48
Food Premises - Bakehouses	4
Food Premises - Butchers	20
Food Premises - Cafe and Canteens	44
Food Premises - Dairy, etc.	10
Food Premises - Fish and Chips	4
Food Premises - Ice Cream	9
Food Premises - Hotels and P.H.	28
Food Premises - Slaughterhouses	60
Food Premises - Unsound Food	5
Food Premises - Vehicles	1
Farms, Sanitary Conveniences for outworkers	120
Housing - General	291
Housing - Overcrowding	—
Housing - Council House Applications	21
Housing - Housing Act, 1949 - Grants	379
Infectious Disease	2
Infectious Disease - Disinfections	3
Insect Pests	30
Insect Pests - Disinfestation	3
Nuisance - General	44
Nuisance - Housing	21
Petroleum	37
Rodent Control	31
Scavenging - General	51
Scavenging - Tips	66
Scavenging - Teams at Work	18
Scavenging - Garages	215
Tents, Vans and Sheds	13
Water Supply	31
Miscellaneous - interviews, etc.	58
TOTAL ...	1846

Number of complaints received	100
Number of Informal Notices served	65
Number of Informal Notices complied with	83
Number of Statutory Notices served	2
Number of Statutory Notices complied with by owner	2

Conversions

The closets at remaining properties in the Brereton parish to which the sewer has been made available, and totalling ten in all, have now been converted to water closets. Grant under Section 47 was outstanding in one case only.

Two further conversions under Section 47 were completed at Twemlow and Rode Heath.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Fourteen licences were in force at the beginning of the year covering one hundred and forty-nine caravans. Four new licences were issued in respect of individual caravans during the year. The Motorway being constructed in the district was in course of completion at the end of 1963 and both licensed and unlicensed sites used for such caravans were becoming redundant. Difficulty was being experienced in clearing such sites.

Water Supply

Seventeen samples of water from private supplies were taken and at three properties were found unsatisfactory. In two of these cases, connection to a main supply has been arranged and in the third, connection is being actively pursued.

Clean Air Act, 1956

Only one complaint was received of nuisance from smoke. This was from a hospital boiler to which automatic underfeed stokers had been fitted. After reporting the matter to the authorities, no further nuisance was found to arise.

Rodent Control

Contracts totalling £479 were carried out at 89 farms and industrial premises. Private premises are treated free. The following details are given of the work carried out :

	<i>Number Treated</i>
Private Houses	69
Refuse Tips and Sewage Works	26
Industrial and Trade Premises	22
Farms	79

Sewers were again found to be negative on test baiting.

The Rodent Operative retired at the end of the year after seventeen years service and a successor was appointed before his departure.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928

Fifty-four premises are licensed for the storage of petrol and are required to conform to the Home Office Code as to the Conditions of Licence and Principles of Construction.

HOUSING

Thirty-five houses were known to be unfit and still occupied at the beginning of 1963. The following table shows action taken during the year with respect to unfit houses :

Closing Orders made	6
Houses demolished	18
Undertakings accepted	4
Houses made fit and Undertakings cancelled or Closing Orders determined	4
Families rehoused from unfit houses ...	11

Eleven additional properties were found to be unfit during 1963 and were represented.

The balance of the families occupying houses requiring attention totals 31, but of these only 9 are applicants for housing. The remainder are principally elderly people not wishing to be disturbed, occupiers of properties which may be brought up to standard, or are families able to make their own arrangements for rehousing.

The Council have continuously given a high degree of priority to rehousing from unfit properties and this policy is reflected in the present housing position.

Improvement Grants

Great interest continues in this Scheme and whereas there is indeed much scope for increase in the number of applications, the volume of works being completed gives cause for considerable satisfaction.

Discretionary Grants

Applications received in 1963	...	...	...	...	38
Applications approved - owner/occupiers	...	...			30
others	...	...	...	...	7
Total value of grants approved	...	...	...	...	£10167
Total approved since inception of the Scheme	...				£66567
Properties affected —					
Owner/occupiers	...	...	...	...	159
Others	...	...	...	...	101
				—————	260

Standard Grants

Applications received in 1963	...	...	...	...	18
Applications approved - owner/occupiers	...	...			15
others	...	...	...	...	4
Number of houses having grant paid	...	...	...		17
Total value of grants approved	...	...	...	£1583/19/11	
Total amount of grants paid since inception of the Scheme	...	...	...	£4360/18/11	
Properties affected	...	...	...	...	52

Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates were received. One application for cancellation of a Certificate was approved.

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